



SPS Winter Meeting

Join us for the Southeastern Palm Society's winter meeting on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at the [Coastal Georgia Botanical Garden](#)—The Bamboo Farm—in Savannah. (Follow the link for address and directions.)

The day begins at 10:00 am. Park at the visitor center and then walk right to the Education Classroom Annex where we'll meet. The usual \$5 entrance fee is kindly waived for SPS members and guests attending the meeting.

The day will feature a visit to the spectacular country of Chile, with its horticultural and natural wonders. Hayes Jackson and Jeff Stevens, who recently toured the country, look forward to sharing their experiences and photography.

First stop: La Campana National Park, the home of one of the remaining native sites of the dazzling Chilean wine palm (*Jubaea chilensis*). *Jubaea* is the sought-after hardy palm we all think we should be able to grow in the Southeast, yet few specimens have succeeded for more than a few years—most notably Tamar Myers' specimen at her former garden in Rock Hill, South Carolina. The Chilean voyage continues to the volcanos-and-lakes district to see monkey puzzles (*Araucaria araucana*), and to northern Atacama Desert where succulents are survivors in a near-rainless climate.

The day will include a tour of the Coastal Georgia Botanical Garden's palm collections, which look exceptionally well so far after a mild winter.

We'll also host the SPS annual plant auction. So bring your rare and not-so-rare plants to donate to benefit the Southeastern Palm Society. The auction offerings will include a 1-gallon Chilean wine palm sourced from Golden Gate Palms near San Francisco. All are welcome to bring plants to sell and trade as well.

Looking forward to seeing you in Savannah!



In Chile, Jeff Stevens (left) kept his distance from the stabbing needles of a monkey puzzle (*Araucaria araucana*), while Hayes Jackson went all tree-huggy with a Chilean wine palm (*Jubaea chilensis*). Hayes and Jeff will share their Chilean travels at the SPS winter meeting.

SPS Calendar

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Coastal Georgia Botanical Garden
(The Bamboo Farm)

SPS Spring, Summer and Fall Meetings for 2017

Planning is underway! Several entirely new meeting sites are possibilities.

Southeastern Citrus Exposition

November 17-18, 2017
Savannah, Georgia
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Scenes from the SPS fall meeting in Anniston and Oxford, Alabama on October 1, 2016.

Clockwise from top:

- Connie Mack Dobbs with his prize *Sabal x texensis*.
- Steve Anderson's well-grown palm offerings at the plant sale at [Longleaf Botanical Gardens](#). Steve grows rarities you'll ever see at a garden center and at reasonable prices. Think *Trachycarpus takil* and *Sabal miamiensis*.
- Colorful caladiums, Hayes Jackson's 2016 obsession-of-the-year. Hayes organized the day and ordered perfect fall weather.

